

REMARKS

Firstly, Applicants earnestly appreciate Examiner for the allowable subject matter.

Applicants amend claims 1 and 11, cancel claims 3 and 12-14, keep claims 2, 4-10 and 15-20 unchanged, and respectfully submit that all pending claims are placed in proper form and in position for allowance, for the following detailed reasons.

Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-7 under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chu (6,449,157, cited in IDS)

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-13 and 16-18 under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuoka (5,364,286, cited in IDS)

Claim 1 has been amended to include patentable subject matter of claims 3, which is set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 4-10 are in condition for allowance.

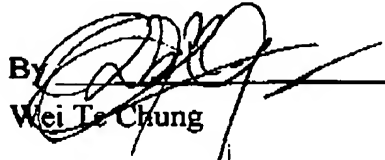
Claim 11 has been amended to include patentable subject matter of claims 12-14, which is set forth in the Office Action. Claim 11 and its dependent claims 15-18 are also allowable over the prior art. Issuance thereto is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that all the pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now placed in condition for allowance, and that an action to this effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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